

# OSCEOLA COUNTY



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, Hispanic-Americans serving in the United States Armed Forces have demonstrated courage, heroism and valor; and*

*WHEREAS, the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, also known as "The Borinqueneers" is a Puerto Rican regiment of the United States Army, whose motto is Honor et Fidelitas, which is Latin for Honor and Fidelity; and*

*WHEREAS, over the span of WWI, WWII, and the Korean War, the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment earned nine Battle Campaign Awards for bravery, 10 Distinguished Services Crosses; 258 Silver Stars, 628 Bronze Stars, more than 2,700 Purple Hearts, and many other individual awards; and*

*WHEREAS, the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today can be attributed in part to the service and sacrifice given by members of the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment through the history of our great nation; and*

*WHEREAS, the sacrifices made by the 65th Infantry Regiment and of the families who support them have preserved the liberties that enrich our nation but are all too often taken for granted; and*

*WHEREAS, the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment promoted equal citizenship, civil rights, and helped pave the way for full integration of the United States Armed Forces, and subsequently members returned to civilian life to achieve great success as businessmen, lawyers, doctors, educators, bankers and political leaders.*

*WHEREAS, the 65th Infantry Regiment fought bravely as they loyally defended America against all enemies while facing discrimination, segregation, and unusual obstacles.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Osceola Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 14, 2013 to be known as*

### **65<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT DAY (Día de los Borinqueneers)**

*DONE AND ADOPTED by the Osceola Board of County Commissioners on the 9th day of September 2013.*

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